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GERMAN DIPLOMACY.

The people of the United States, like those on the other side of the world, are losing confidence in Germany. Her latest note to the sinking of the Arabic is disappointing and the opposite of what had been expected after her "assurance" of a determination not to sink passenger steamers in future without making arrangements for saving the lives of the people aboard. There is a string to all this, however, which fact is exasperating to the peaceful people on this side of the globe. There is an apparent insincerity in all her representations. The Kaiser is attempting to conduct relations with America as he has done with European nations—that is to suit himself.

The Baltimore Sun sums up the situation this morning in a lucid and logical manner. It says:

We have become so accustomed to fluctuations in our war temperature, to having dangerous crises in our international relations followed by apparent symptoms of substantial improvement, and to having these in turn succeeded by alarming relapses, that we have lost the capacity of becoming greatly excited by the alternations of diplomatic gloom and reassurance. Mere words of warning and protest, on the one hand, or of reliance or evasion, on the other, fail to keep us in a state of tremor or to stir us to a condition of greater indignation. We have reached the point where we are intellectually prepared for anything that may occur, but where our overtaxed emotions refused to be spurred by speculations as to what may happen next. It is not a condition of indifference, or apathy, but simply a condition of familiarity with the chances and changes in the war fever with which the world is suffering, and a realization of the fact that we can only wait on the development of events.

Germany, makes it clear in her Arabic note, that she has not surrendered anything, that she has simply indulged in a soothing diplomatic phrase, which means little or nothing, mainly the latter. When she said liners would not be sunk without warning and without provisions for the safety of passengers and crew, she did not mean what people would generally mean in such cases. She attaches what may be called a German meaning to it, the sort of meaning she attached to the "scrap of paper" guaranteeing Belgium's neutrality, in which whether a nation should be torpedoed or not depended on the judgement of the German commander.

The Arabic answer is virtually of the same nature. That monster of the deep was about to ram the German submarine and the innocent and peaceful agent of civilized warfare sank her in sheer terror and desperation.

What makes this reply as hopeless as it is impatient is that it asserts the principle that a submarine may torpedo a liner whenever her commander thinks proper—whether he imagines he is about to be attacked—and that even if he makes a mistake, he is not to be held accountable for it, except, perhaps, in respect to monetary damages for neutral lives lost, that notwithstanding, to be left in doubt and to be made the subject of arbitration.

As we have not fought about the Lusitania, we are not at all to fight about the Arabic. We learn a valuable lesson from the latter, however, and that is the folly of trusting German assurances. Her diplomacy appears to be essentially insincere. We may keep up our diplomatic palaver with her forever without getting forward a single step.

The definite thing we have done to Dr. Dumba counts for more than all our submarine correspondence. We cannot expect any satisfaction from the latter. But we can make it unhealthy for submarines in our own waters, and we will not allow any quibbling or "mistakes" over here. We have given notice to Germany as well as to Austria in the Dumba case, and that action will be likely to bring things to a head more quickly than tons of diplomatic literature.

SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS.

The remarks of the Archbishop of London in St. Paul's cathedral yesterday in reference to the raid of Zeppelins upon that city are pathetic. It is hinted that the fatalities from bombs on that occasion were far greater than the outside world supposes, while great damage was done to property.

Bombs fell into the arms of the

capital of the British Empire, and people who have all their lives been dodging vehicles in the narrow and populous thoroughfares were terrified by descending death-dealing missiles.

A number of little children were killed out during the bombardment. The archdeacon in his sermon said the nursery had been turned into a slaughter house.

There is something pathetic in this, and it appeals to every person who speaks the English language. Most Americans when they draw near the Welsh coast think of the fairy stories of their infancy and gaze upon the mountains in the distance as the land of Jack the Giant Killer and that in which originated their nursery rhymes. Their Anglo-Saxon blood reminds them of their relationship to the mother country.

The time has come when little children, in their innocent prattle, while studying pictures of the old woman riding a goose through the heavens or astride of a broom stick, or their souls enthused with the chant of the angelic choir announcing the birth of the Prince of Peace, are having their lives snuffed out by bombs from the vault of heaven.

HOW TO STOP LYNCHINGS.

The alarming increase in the number of overt acts by mobs has caused officials in the different states of the union to attempt to devise means to minimize lynchings, if not to bring the practice to a stop. While all well-meaning citizens admit that there are times when an exasperated community is liable to become temporarily unbalanced, the fact that human beings are often sacrificed for offenses which would not be shown to be capital were the victims allowed a chance for their lives is to be deplored.

Governor Goldsborough, of Maryland, who pointed the way at the recent conference of governors in Boston by which lynchings can be stopped has continued his interest in the subject.

The Governor takes the view by the extension of the present Maryland law, which provides compensation by counties or towns for property destroyed by mobs, lynchings can be effectively stopped. In brief, if counties and incorporated towns are made to realize that they are responsible for the preservation of law and order, that if they do not employ the forces at their command to save victims of mob rule, then they shall pay compensation to the families or nearest relatives of these victims. A precedent for this action was established by the late James G. Blaine. When Secretary of State he took steps by which families of 11 Italians hanged by a mob in New Orleans were compensated for deaths of the men upon whom they were dependent.

Governor Goldsborough has gathered decisions of the courts bearing on the statute. One of them is furnished by developments which grew out of the attack of the mob on the Massachusetts troops passing through Baltimore on April 19, 1861.

CARRY GUNS TO CHURCH.

After the Jews returned to Palestine at the close of the seventy years' captivity in Babylon we are told the walls of Jerusalem were built under strenuous conditions. A man worked with a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other. When white men came to this continent they were compelled to carry their guns with them to church and sat in pews with the weapons half-cocked ready to meet attacks of Indians. After four hundred years of civilization this custom has been renewed.

Threats of death to all Americans found in Hidalgo and Star counties, Texas, after September 16, made by bandits to Mexican residents, have thrown the residents of these counties into a fever of excitement, and caused them to ask Gen. Funston for more troops and arm themselves for more trouble.

For the first time since the days of Indians, worshippers came to church yesterday armed with rifles and pistols. At Del Rio the rifles were stacked in the church, and a guard thrown out while religious services were held. At San Romana armed worshippers flocked to the church, and rangers stood guard during the services.

A United States mail carrier at the San Antonio, Texas, postoffice, who has been on the payroll of the government for the last thirty years, has been suspended from the service for thirty days, without pay by Postmaster Armistead for making the alleged remark: "If the United States and Germany should engage in war, I would desert this government and join the German army." The man is of German descent. His remark was reported to the postmaster by three other carriers, also of German descent.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Emperor William has dismissed General von Kluege, commander of the Eighth division, who was held responsible for the Austro-German check by the Russians on the Sereth river, in East Galicia.

The "Gazeta Wicczorna" reports that eight farmers and two women, who were arrested as Russian spies in Northern Galicia, have been convicted by a court-martial at Lemberg. Their execution took place within six hours after their conviction.

William Sprague, famous war Governor of Rhode Island and twice United States senator from that state, died at his residence in Paris, Saturday, at the age of eighty-four years. His death was due to meningitis, coupled with the infirmities of age.

A 6-year-old boy, Vincent De Cosma is dead, and his 4-year-old brother, Joseph, is in a serious condition as the result of drinking whisky at their home in Newark, N. J. The boys drank a pint of whisky between them. Gabriel De Cosma, their father, left a demijohn within reach of the children. The mother found the boys in convulsions.

Two white men are dead, a third dying and two negroes are dead in Carlisle, Ark., the result of the murder of his wife by Pat Bowers, a negro early yesterday morning and the subsequent chase of Bowers, who barricaded himself in his home and, after killing two men and wounding another, took his own life rather than be captured by the mob.

A decrease of approximately 25 per cent. in the birth rate of Berlin for July over the same month in 1914, is reported. Official returns show that while 3,370 children were born in the German capital in July, 1914, only 2,520 were born in July, 1915. The number of births for May, June and July of 1914 was 10,030, while it was only 7,523 for the same quarter this year.

Three young Philadelphians, Edward Thompson, 16 years old; John Connor, 16, and John Ritchie, 21 were drowned yesterday in Glenloch Lake. Connor was swimming from a rowboat when he was seized with cramps. In trying to help him into the boat he was capsized and Thompson and Ritchie were also thrown into the water. All were drowned before help reached them.

According to information received at Bucharest, 800,000 Armenians have been deported from Caesarea, Trebizond, Erzerum and other cities in Asia Minor to the interior of Turkey. Hardly a third of these are arriving at their destination. The women and girls are sent to Turkish harems and auction sales from Armenian babies from 1 month to 2 years of age have taken place in Constantinople.

The Russian-American liner Dwinsk sailed yesterday from New York for Archangel with 408 passengers and 8,000 tons of cargo. Among the passengers on board were three engineers from the Baldwin Locomotive Works, who will superintend the assembling of 250 locomotives to be used on the new Petrograd-Kola Railroad. This railroad will give the Russians an all-year communication with the outside world. Seward B. Utter a member of the Curtis Aeroplane Company, also sailed to superintend the assembling of the aeroplanes built by his company.

With two bullets in her head, Miss Gertrude Walshlager, 17 years old, of Baltimore, lies in St. Joseph's Hospital in a critical condition. Archie Hardy, who is said to be a jealous admirer, shot her shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday morning on the street in front of her home. One bullet missed, another penetrated the girl's skull behind the right ear and the third shattered her jaw. Hardy was arrested while standing, pistol in hand, over the prostrate body of the girl. He told the police it seemed like a dream; that he did not remember shooting her and knew nothing of it until he woke up in the cell. He declared that was jealous of his attentions to another girl who boarded declared she was jealous of his attentions to the same house with him.

Signs of internal discord in Constantinople are multiplying. The resignation of the Shiek-ul-Islam is now known to be due to his disapproval of a continuance of the war. This feeling is shared by most of the Musselman clergy, and has been followed by the resignation of the governor and mayor of the capital, both of whom had become alarmed by the suffering of the population and by the recall of Mikhitar Pasha, Turkish Ambassador to Berlin. His recall was due to a demand of the Kaiser, which followed a confidential report of the

Ambassador to his government that Germany and Austria were in the last stages of exhaustion and that the first serious reverse to their arms would be the signal for an utter collapse.

VIRGINIA NEWS

The Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals adjourned Saturday at Staunton, after holding a special morning session and then meeting again during the afternoon to hear arguments in the remaining cases on the docket.

Hopewell yesterday experienced more trouble than ever before in its brief but turbulent history. A jail delivery which resulted in the escape of fifteen prisoners, a daylight automobile hold-up, in which ten men and one woman were relieved of their valuables; the successful escape of ten of the fifteen jail breakers, after a squad of police had raided a house in the negro settlement; numerous robberies and shooting affrays and a series of accidents have put the people in a state of turmoil and further trouble is momentarily expected.

Four persons were killed and three seriously injured when a Pere Marquette Mich. passenger train struck an automobile bus near here early Saturday evening. The accident occurred on the South Saginaw road, about two miles from Flint. Pere Marquette passenger No. 5, fifteen minutes behind time, approached the crossing at high speed. As the automobile neared the track, spectators said, that the locomotive's whistle screamed, but a moment later the engine and automobile came together. The motor car was hurled 100 feet with the result given above.

That Joseph Early Kinsey hit John H. Elick in the head with an ax and killed him is the substance of the verdict of the coroner's jury which has been investigating the death of Elick, the Augusta County man, who was found dead in the public road about a mile north of Stanardsville, Greene County. Elick was found in the road the morning after the killing. The man's head was split wide open. It has developed that both the murdered man and the accused had been frequenting a blind tiger in Greene County. Kinsey, it is said, gave Elick money to buy whiskey, and the trouble followed soon afterwards.

Emmett Lewis, colored, was brought to Orange Saturday and lodged in jail charged with an attempted assault upon two young women near Thorn Hill. Lewis Saturday night entered the home of C. C. Cluff, a farmer, in the lower end of the county putting a ladder to the window of a room which was occupied by Miss Mamie Cluff and a visiting friend, Miss Ora Harlow, and concealed himself under the bed. After the young women had retired, one of them remarked that there must be some one under the bed as she had felt it move. Lewis thereupon rushed out, seized one of them by the arm and dragged her from the bed. The other pluckily struck a match, and by its light both recognized the negro, who made his escape through the window. He was captured and will be tried at the September term of court.

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